**Staffing**

I would like to thank Joi Biltoft for all of her years working at Bowenville SS. She has a wealth of knowledge that will be missed. This term Joi has taken long service leave, and has informed us that she will be retiring. This is sad for all here, that she will be leaving, but a chance for Joi to enjoy her life and travel. Knowing Joi I am sure she will be keeping herself busy and not wasting a minute of her retirement. Thank You Joi for all of your efforts over the years and you will be missed.

**School Focus**

Behaviour – the word is often associated with negative behaviour, but the term at Bowenville State School, is used to reflect the positive. The school will be moving forward on the Positive Behaviour for Learning program, and this process is one that requires a long term commitment by the school community. At this stage we have developed the student piggy banks, the rewards system and are now looking at the majors and minors. The majors and minors are a clear set of behaviours that the school community feel are not what we do. It will continue to be a process of development and as such latter this term I will be seeking parent feedback through the P&C. The We Do charts will go up in the coming weeks, and these will reflect the accepted behaviours in locations around the school. The students have worked hard on defining the We Do’s and have done a great job.

Michael Sutton.
COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Bismarck to Maclagan
100 years celebration
10th September 2016

Ag Force and Members of the Bowenville District will be holding a candidates forum at the Bowenville Hall 29th February/6pm Contact Kim Bremner 0429 639136

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

There is a Working Bee this Saturday morning starting at 7.30 am to repair the Softball net and tidy the gardens before the Softball carnival. The carnival is a showcase for our school, so it would be great to have everyone come along and help present the school grounds to its best. If everyone pitches in, it will finished quickly before the heat. Hope to see you all there.

The P&C AGM and Bus Meetings will be held 9th March. Times for the evening will be 5.45pm, BBQ tea put on by the P&C. 6.30pm, Bus Meetings. 7.30pm, P&C AGM. Please keep this date free. It is compulsory that parents attend their relevant bus meeting.

It was decided at the general meeting that we will replace the artificial turf on the cricket pitch on the oval, at a cost of approx $2000. This will be done in the winter months.

We will be again running the Chip Van at the Brymaroo Rodeo on Easter Saturday night. Please keep this night free and help out with this fundraiser. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have anything to discuss.

John Hensel 0429 92 42 92

Tuckshop:

Helper this week—Elissa Hensel
Volunteers/helpers are needed this term. Please let me know if you can help in the tuckshop or supply baking.

Karen Smith—Tuckshop Convenor—Phone 0407 765646
The Bowenville Rural Fire Brigade will be having *TRAINING NIGHTS on FIRST WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH* commencing at 6pm going for about an hour, just to REFRESH members and fire fighters with various procedures and equipment. Any interested Community persons and Bowenville Residents are most welcome to come along and see what happens and how things work, it’s YOUR FIRE BRIGADE. If you wish Contact Mat Finch 1st Officer and Training Officer on 0418 194696.

The Prep and year on students have been working to finalise their speeches. They have developed a small talk about a familiar text. The results have been very encouraging and it was great to hear why Greywacke Jones ran up a tree, and the features of the text that highlighted to them why he was scared of Hairy MacClary.

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